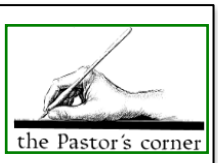
18TH JULY 2021
+16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Alone with Jesus

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Mark 6:31a

This is an invitation we may need to hear far more than we realize. And it's an invitation that many find hard to accept from Jesus. But take it as a direct invitation offered to you from our Lord. Hear Him say this to you: "You, my child, please do come away by yourself to a deserted place and rest for a while."

There is something very healing and helpful that comes from silence and moments of solitude. There is something about silence and solitude that enables us to get refocused. So often in life we are overwhelmed by busyness. "Busyness" is often a way for the evil one to wear us down and get us off track. It keeps us from the gentle, clear and refreshing voice of God. So how is it that God is inviting you to come away by yourself and rest?

At the heart of this invitation is a longing in Jesus' heart that we rest from those burdens which weigh us down unnecessarily. It's true that there are many good things God calls us to do that can exhaust us. But this "holy exhaustion" is not a bad thing. In fact, being "exhausted" by the will of God actually deepens our faith and fills us with joy. And that joy lightens our burden.

The main reason for our need to "come away" and "rest" is that there are many things in life that are not part of God's will. These are burdens we impose upon ourselves unnecessarily. These burdens, more than anything else, are what we need to rest from.

Coming away, alone, with Jesus, is a way of getting refocused and clearing out the clutter of life. It's a way of escaping from our impulses and habits that draw us away from the joyful will of God. So think about this invitation. Think about it practically. Can you find at least ten minutes today to go find silence so as to rest in the arms of Jesus?

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to accept the invitation from Jesus to come and rest with and in Him. Commit yourself to doing just that. Make the choice, today, to find time to be alone. From that time of solitude, seek the still, small and silent voice of God. Let the quiet and the peace of God's presence bring clarity and focus to your busy life.

Lord, help me to hear You call me to a time of rest and peace. Help me to seek You and to accept Your gentle invitation. Jesus, I trust in You.

The Churches Together in Eastcote AGM: *On the afternoon of Sunday 11th July Churches Together in Eastcote held its AGM, service and social in the car park of St Thomas More. We were blessed with warm and dry weather and we enjoyed meeting up after a long period of enforced separation. Members of the St Thomas More Folk Group played and we were able to sing together. This was a joy, as was the opportunity to listen to messages of hope from the Old Testament, and to a wonderful poem written by the late Doreen Warman whose writings have so often enhanced our CTE services. We give thanks for this event and look forward to resuming our usual meetings and activities in the autumn.*

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**** 100 club Membership Renewal July 2021/2022****

If you would like to re-new your membership for the 100 club or interested in becoming a member, please pick up an envelope from the narthex and return to the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY 18TH JULY
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) TOM GROARKE RIP A
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM INTS PAULINE FITZGERALD

MONDAY 19TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TUESDAY 20TH JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FOR ALL THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER

WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

THURSDAY 22ND JULY
10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACARAMENT

FRIDAY 23RD JULY
09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

SATURDAY 24TH JULY
09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 25TH JULY
06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INTS MOIRA & PAT O'ROURKE
09:30AM STEPHEN HIGGINS RIP A
11:30AM RON JOHNSON RIP LD

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Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Anastasia O'Connor, Audrey Farrell, Hilda Minoli, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Richard Stoneman, Paul Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh; for Kitty Goldie and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus. *Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.*

For those who have died recently: Mary Sheila Fitzgerald, Ron Johnson, Dominic Bann and Brian Berry.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Kitty (Kathleen) Clark, Edward Rist, Patrick Wheeler, Tom Groarke, Reg Heaney, Bridgid Mead, and Joan Lines.

Children's Liturgy

Ginger bear is joined by Baa Baa today and they learn how Jesus helps to guide us, like a shepherd with his flock. Baa Baa knows how important this is. https://youtu.be/ClP8I2aqkis

Volunteer required for small paint job: Our church carpark barrier needs some attention and we are looking for a willing volunteer to repaint the barrier. It will require some prep work beforehand like sanding and cleaning. Paint and tools will be provided. If you are interested please contact Fr Martin or the Parish Office 0208 866 6581 email: eastcote@rcdow.org.uk.

Family Prayer Resources for Summer - We will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources



Forthcoming Walks

SUNDAY July 18th RICHMOND meet 3.30pm (NOTE TIME) St Elizabeth's Church, The Vineyard, Richmond TW10 6AQ. (nearest tube/rail: Richmond). We'll visit Richmond Palace, then cross the river and walk along the Twickenham bank, with optional quick ferry ride (one minute) to Ham, to see St John Henry Newman's childhood home.

Tuesday July 20th meet 6.15pm (after 5.30pm Mass) Westminster Cathedral SW1 1QW (nearest tube: Victoria). We'll walk to Buckingham Palace via St James Park and learn Royal history along the way.

Thursday July 22nd The Tower of London. Meet 6pm at the main exit Tower Hill tube station. We'll see Traitors' Gate, the remains of London's Roman Wall, and finish at the site of St Thomas More's execution.

Wednesday July 28th Battersea. Meet 6pm Sacred Heart Church, Trott Street London SW11 3DS. We'll enjoy Battersea Park and discover St Ethelburga, the Spencer family, and the Salesian story.

We will be obeying social distancing and crowd rules. It would be helpful if you could notify the Team Leader of your attendance. Contact us at: chwalkslondon@gmail.com

We'll be socially-distanced as we walk. All are welcome. A donation of £5 pp is requested.

https://www.catholichistorywalks.com/forthcoming-walks